COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 November 1997

concerning certain protective measures with regard to certain fishery products originating in Turkey

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/806/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC [2], and in particular Article 19,

Whereas, upon importation of frozen clams stripped from their shell originating in a processing establishment in Turkey, the presence of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* has been detected;

Whereas the presence of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* on food is a result of bad hygienic practices before and/or after processing of food and it presents a potential risk for human health;

Whereas imports of products from the establishments concerned in Turkey must not therefore be further allowed;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

This Decision shall apply to fishery products, fresh, frozen or processed, originating in Turkey.

Article 2

Member States shall ban the imports of fresh fishery products, in all forms, originating in the following establishment in Turkey: Dardanel Onentas Gida Sanayias (Code No 181).

Article 3

The Member States shall alter the measures they apply in trade in order to bring them into line with this Decision. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 373, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 162, 1. 7. 1996, p. 1.